

**APPENDIX G**  
**SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS**

**SECTION AG102.1**  
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**AG102.1 General.** For the purposes of these requirements, the terms used shall be defined as follows and as set forth in Chapter 2.

**SWIMMING POOL.** Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.



**Q:** In accordance with the definition for swimming pools as provided in Section AG102.1 (Appendix G) of the *International Residential Code*, is a swimming pool structure that is designed and constructed to contain water in excess of 24 inches deep subject to the provisions in Appendix G even though the actual water level contained in the swimming pool is less than 24 inches deep?

**A:** Yes. The applicability of the code provisions for swimming pools is determined by the depth/capacity of the swimming pool structure. When the structure used for swimming or recreational bathing exceeds the minimum design water depth of 24 inches it must comply with the requirements provided in Appendix G of the *International Residential Code*.

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